SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

January 17th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will shew to you to day…"

(Exodus 14:13)

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The story is told of a certain pastor who was disturbed greatly because one of his dear brethren was getting too involved in other things and was absent from the worship services. One Sunday evening at the close of the service, the pastor went to his friend's house and found him sitting before an open fire. Somewhat startled by the appearance of his pastor (who spoke not a word), the man pulled up another chair before the fire, waiting for words of rebuke from his visitor; but none came. The minister took his seat before the fire and silently took the tongs and lifted a glowing coal from the midst of its fellows and LAID IT BY ITSELF ON THE HEARTH. Remaining silent, both men watched the blaze die and the coal grow dark. Then the truant [absentee] brother opened his mouth and said, 'You need not say a word, pastor; I will be there Wednesday night.' [1 Thessalonians 5:19, Hebrews 10:24-25]—Henry Mahan

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

David Eddmenson

February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Happy Birthday!

Gary Borders, January 25th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Would you be justified before God?

"…Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (**Revelation 1:5-6**)

Would you be justified before God? Then learn one thing! Jesus Christ is ALL in our justification before God! Only through Christ can a sinner have peace with the Holy God. Only by Christ alone can a sinner be accepted and admitted into God's presence. **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** is the only robe which will cover us. **HIS BLOOD** is the only mark that will save us from eternal death. **HIS NAME** is the only name by which we shall obtain an entrance through the gate of eternal glory. I pity those who try to obtain God's favor by their works; and I sound a clear warning – you are building on sand; you are spending money for that which is not bread; you will hear Him say, *"Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."* But this I know – not one person has ever entered heaven's courts with any testimony but this: *"Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood – to Him be the glory"* (Revelation 1:5-6).— Henry Mahan

Shame on you—O silly heart!

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (**1 Corinthians 4:7**)

Christian! By nature—you are no better than others! What would you be—without the continual influence of the Spirit? O believer, whatever you are—you have nothing to make you proud. The more you have—the more you are in debt to God—and should you be proud of that which renders you a debtor? Consider your origin—look back to what you were. "Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins!" [Ephesians 2:1]. Consider what you would have been—but for divine grace!

[Beloved] It is only God's grace—which has made you to differ! Great believer—you would have been a great sinner—if God had not made you to differ! O you who are valiant for truth—you would have been as valiant for error—if grace had not laid hold upon you! Therefore, do not be proud, though you have a wide domain of grace—for once, you had not a single thing to call your own—except your sin and misery! Oh! strange infatuation, that you—who have borrowed everything, should think of exalting yourself! How foolish—that you—a poor dependent pensioner upon the bounty of your Savior—are yet proud! Shame on you—O silly heart! — Charles Spurgeon

What kind of church is 'Sovereign Grace Church'?

"…it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe"
(1 Corinthians 1:21)

The natural man understands logical Calvinism. He can easily identify with the cooperative redemption presented in arminianism. He has no difficulty with modern fundamentalism! But the free gospel of the grace of God through the merits and death of the Lord Jesus Christ must be revealed to the heart by the Spirit of God. Barnard used to say, 'Preachers are wrapping salvation up in a neat little package and selling it to unsuspecting men and women. Preachers are trying to present the great mysteries of redemption in language which the natural man can understand and approve of, so that he can make his peace with God and go on about his regular routine and fleshly pursuits.'

Blessed is the preacher who can shut men up to free and sovereign grace, and yet lovingly, sincerely invite all men to look to Christ and be saved. Blessed is the preacher who knows that *"salvation is of the Lord,"* who has the patience to wait upon the Lord to regenerate, awaken and call his hearers, yet he prays for their deliverance, urges them to close with Christ, and beseeches them to *"be reconciled to God."* Blessed is the preacher who can preach with equal force and confidence both the preservation and perseverance of believers. He will not "turn away from us and we will not depart from Him." Blessed is the preacher who can rejoice in imputed righteousness, "with His holy garments on, I am as spotless as His dear Son;" and yet along with his congregation hunger and thirst for spiritual growth and personal godliness. Blessed is the preacher who can find and preach both justification and sanctification at Calvary. We do not go to Calvary for *justification* and then to Sinai for *sanctification*. We are *"complete in Him."* Blessed is the preacher who can preach prophetical truth in such a way that his hearers are looking for the returning Christ and not only the return of Christ! Blessed is the preacher who administers believers' baptism, presides at the Lord's table, and oversees the business of the Lord's church, not according to the "way we do it in our circles and according to our custom and tradition," but according to the Word of God! It may be, if preachers and people return to the Scriptures, someone will ask, "What kind of church is [Sovereign Grace Church]?" And we can answer, "It is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ which He loved and purchased with His own blood and of which He is the sole Head." [AMEN!] — Henry Mahan